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## BOMBARDMENT IS STILL ON

French Prevent Germans from Occupying Crater Made by Explosion of Their Mine.

PARIS, March 4.—A machine gun operator says in a letter to his family written from the Verdun battle field: "The German dead lie in heaps around us. It has been thus for several days. At times we were obliged to move our machines back twenty or thirty yards as the German dead were piled so high as to interfere with our fire. We shot them down as they jumped over their comrades' bodies. We are now resting but are always ready to begin again to show the Germans that the French soldiers are their masters."

TWENTY ARE KILLED  
IN PARIS EXPLOSION

PARIS, March 4.—Twenty persons were killed and a large number injured in an explosion at St. Denis in the suburbs of Paris this morning.

The explosion in the fort called Double Couronne at Courneuve near St. Denis. Part of the ramparts east of the fort were blown up. The cause of the disaster has not been ascertained. A quantity of explosives including hand grenades were stored in this position.

The bombardment continued with considerable activity last night in the region of Verdun. It was not, however, followed by any action of infantry, according to the announcement made by the French war office today.

At Eparges the French prevented German troops from occupying a crater made by the explosion of one of their mines.

The customary artillery fire has continued along the remainder of the front.

GALLIENI NOW SATISFIED  
WITH VERDUN SITUATION

PARIS, March 4.—General Gallieni, minister of war, has told the commission of military affairs of the chamber of deputies that he is satisfied with the situation at Verdun. He gave details of the reserves of men and stocks of ammunition now available.

When the chamber of deputies assembled today, Paul Deschanel, its president, read a telegram from the president of the Italian chamber of deputies, congratulating France in the name of the Italian parliament for the valor displayed by its troops in the battle of Verdun and for their having so successfully beaten back the German assaults. The deputies at once rose to their feet and cheered.

## PROMOTIONS

In the Medical Department of the National Guard Announced by Bond.

CARLESTON, March 4.—A general order has been issued by Adjutant General John C. Bond, and approved by Governor Abbott, noting the promotion of W. W. Point, of the medical department of the second infantry to the rank of captain and of Dr. William Edw. Long to the rank of first lieutenant in the medical department. A board of officers is detailed by this order to hold a meeting in Fairmont, April 22, to conduct an examination of candidates for promotion in the first infantry. This board comprises Captain Claude H. Layman and Captain Rollo J. Conley, of the first infantry and Captain W. W. Point, of the medical department.

A board of officers to conduct the examination in the second infantry will meet in Huntington, April 22. This board is composed of Major Heber H. Rice, judge advocate's department; Major C. C. Hogg, of the medical department; and Captain Charles F. Tarleton, of the second infantry. Another order was issued as a tribute to the late Buckner Fairfax Scott of Terra Alta, detailing his military record covering a period of twenty-three years. Each officer in the militia was sent a copy of the order.

## CRUISERS SUNK.

BERLIN, March 4.—The sinking of two French auxiliary cruisers and one British patrol boat by German submarines is announced by the admiralty. The announcement also says that from Paris is reported the sinking of the transport Provence, "which carried 1,800 men of whom only 696 were rescued."

## ITALIAN WAR LOAN.

ROME, March 4.—Although all official returns of the subscription to the third Italian war loan are not available, it is stated that the total will be almost four billion lire. This, with the previous loan, will make a total of nearly seven billion lire subscribed in Italy for the war.

## Straight Party Vote.

Democrats who vote must vote the Democratic ballot and Republicans who vote must vote the Republican ballot at the primary election Tuesday as the following section of the election law shows, and they cannot vote a mixed ballot, or in other words, opposite party candidates' names cannot be written on the ballot:

"On entering the election room, the voter shall announce his name and he shall sign his name and place of residence in a book of the party whose ballot he wishes to cast, which book shall be paged alphabetically, and have at the top of the page thereof in form and effect the following oath or affirmation with blank spaces properly filled in as to the party and precinct as indicated: 'The undersigned do each for himself severally swear or affirm that I am a regular and qualified member and voter of the ..... party, and am a duly qualified resident and voter in precinct No. .... district ..... county, West Virginia, and reside at the place designated opposite my name signed hereunder; that the one ballot which I am about to cast will be the only primary election ballot cast this day by me; that I have neither received, nor do I expect to receive anything of value for myself or another, given or promised with the manifest intent to influence my vote or the vote of another or others at this time.'"

"Having so signed, said voter shall be allowed to cast the ballot of the party named in said oath or affirmation."

There seems to be an impression in some quarters that a voter is compelled, under the law, to vote at the city election the straight ticket of the party, whose ballot he cast at the primary. This is a false impression.

PREMIUMS OFFERED  
FOR CRUDE OIL NOWROUTINE IS  
DONE BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL

At a Regular Meeting of That Body Along with a Few Special Matters.

City council Friday night granted building permits to G. C. Finly for a brick residence on West Main street and to Samuel R. Bentley for a three-story apartment building on South Fifth street. The latter is to cost \$12,000 and will be the most modern of its kind in the city.

William Martin was given permission to erect an electric sign in front of his restaurant at 109 North Third street.

Octave Natalie's petition to erect a skating rink in the rear of Mannie Nussbaum's residence on West Main street was rejected.

The city engineer's report of grades established was approved. The Union Transfer and Storage Company has failed to build on Sehon alley according to directions and it will be required to remove or rebuild.

An appropriation of \$25 for baby week was made.

A petition for paving Water and Ben streets was referred to the street committee to report at the next meeting.

The finance committee reported that the city owed the Luten Bridge Company \$7,335.22 and that the traction company owed the city \$1,382.97.

Bills were ordered paid as follows: Frank C. Welch Company, \$85.63; O. L. Haught, \$53.63; Bessie Garrison, \$12.50; Carl Vance, \$10; Starford Oil Company, \$80.17; Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, \$1; Thomas W. Burke, \$161; J. J. Crews, \$2.85; street pay roll, \$614.17, and sanitation pay roll for repair of road to the crematory, \$270.52.

## ANGRY

Is Tumult over Published Report but the Truth Always Hurts Some People.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The House leaders early today decided not to bring the armed ship question up for a vote until Monday.

Aroused by the publication of the report yesterday that President Wilson, because of the strain of the foreign situation, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal statement:

"When Secretary Tumulty's attention was called to the story appearing in certain papers that the president had resigned or was considering resigning, he said:

"An American newspaper that would publish a story of that kind in a situation like the one which now confronts America dishonors itself."

## GIABA SUNK.

LEGHORN, Italy, March 4.—The steamship Giaba, which left here February 29, has been sunk by an Austrian submarine. There were no Americans on board.

## SWEDES WARNED.

STOCKHOLM, March 4.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press warning against embarking on armed merchantmen has been issued to Swedish citizens.

## MAMMOTH DIVIDEND.

PITTSBURGH, March 4.—E. H. Jennings, of the Pure Oil Company, announced today that the directors of the Quaker Oil Company, the producing corporation in the mid-continent fields, had declared a dividend of \$1,400 a share. The stock, which has a par value of \$25 a share, is held by the Pure Oil Company. The total amount of the dividend is \$2,800,000.

"RUFF NECKS"  
VICTORS IN A  
SNAPPY GAME

Seventeen Regiments of Athletic Girls Besiege Editorial Rooms of Telegram.

Shortly after noon Saturday about seventeen regiments of athletic young girls from the Washington Irving high school besieged the editorial rooms of the Telegram, and for about half an hour recounted to a reporter the thrilling plays in the basketball game between the "Ruff Necks" and the "P. G.'s", both girls teams of the high school.

Surrounded by at least three regiments and with a steady procession still filing up the steps, the reporter gave up all hope and cried "I surrender." It was a great victory for the girls. But, for the game:

The "Ruff Necks" were victorious by a score of 22 to 18 in what, the girls said, was the most sensational game ever played in the Washington Irving gym. It was replete with thrilling plays, the most sensational ones being a goal shot by Sarah Johnson, of the "Ruff Necks", who dribbled the ball the entire length of the floor; a long field goal by "Babe" Harris, also of the "Ruff Necks"; the all-around sensational playing of Sarah Johnson, of the "Ruff Necks"; and Mary Ellen McAndrew, of the "P. G.'s"; and the foul shooting of Elizabeth Downs, of the "P. G.'s" and Theo Wells, of the "Ruff Necks."

The interferences of guards of both teams, the girls said, was the most sensational ever witnessed on the gym floor.

"Nobody witnessed it, though," chimed in one young girl. "And don't forget to say that the game was played under boy's rules," said another, as the whole army corps retreated down the steps.

The lineup and summary:

"Ruff Necks": Mabel Gay Forward; Sarah Johnson, Harry E. McAndrew Forward; "Babe" Harris, Elizabeth Downs Center.

Helen Mannix, Gertrude Harris Guard; Mildred Anderson, Martha Downs Guard.

Field goals—"Ruff Necks," Sarah Johnson, 4; "Babe" Harris, 4; Theo Wells, 1. "P. G.'s," Mary Ellen McAndrew, 4; Mabel Gay, 3.

Foul goals—Theo Wells, 4 out of 4; Elizabeth Downs, 4 out of 4. Referee—Grace McCall. Time—Helen Eaton.

Scorers—Bernice Bush and Nellie Tierney. Umpire—Anna Holmes DeBerry.

THREE KILLED  
IN EXPLOSION

At Saw Mill of Ireland Lumber Company at Ireland, in Lewis County.

As a result of a boiler explosion at the Ireland Lumber Company's saw mill at Ireland, Lewis county, Friday, Lee McCartney, aged 28 years, head sawyer; Clay Bland, aged 22, edger; and Thomas Bennett, aged 24, a blocker, are dead. Cleveland Bennett, aged 20 years, a fireman, is fatally injured and not expected to live, and Frank Bacon, and Alva Mealey are seriously burned.

Mealey was brought to a local hospital Friday night and while painfully burned is resting as easy as possible while attending physicians think he will recover.

The explosion was caused by the fireman letting the water get too low in the boiler. When the cold water was pumped into the hot boiler it caused it to explode with the results stated above.

Persons attending a revival meeting at a church near the scene of the explosion were the first to reach the scene. When they arrived they found McCartney, Bland and Thomas Bennett dead and Cleveland Bennett unconscious and fatally burned. Mealey and Bacon were not burned as badly as Cleveland Bennett and both will live.

The entire plant of the Ireland Lumber Company was demolished by the explosion, which killed the three men and injured the others. An inquiry over the bodies of the dead men is being held at Ireland today.

## DEPARTS FOR AKRON.

Miss Mayne McQuinn, who was called home from Akron, O., on account of sickness, returned Friday night on the 10 o'clock train to resume her work as clerk in an Akron department store.

LLOYD GRIFFIN IS  
OUT FOR SHERIFF

Well Known and Popular Young Banker Throws His Hat into the Ring.

## WILL MAKE CAMPAIGN

Declares That He Will Be Perfectly Fair towards Others Who May Be in Contest.



LLOYD D. GRIFFIN, Candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Harrison county.

GIVE THE WOMEN  
A LIFT, YOU MEN.

And Turn Out for the Suffrage Mass Meeting Tonight in the Court House.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the equal suffrage mass meeting to be held tonight in the court house, starting at 7:30 o'clock. It is for men as well as for women. In fact, the men are particularly urged to attend.

Harvey W. Harmer, a pioneer advocate of woman's suffrage, will preside as temporary chairman and will introduce the chief speaker of the evening, Miss Eudora Ramsey, state field secretary of the West Virginia Woman's Suffrage Association, who will have an interesting message to deliver along with some entertaining anecdotes. Several local speakers will also make brief talks.

The last two districts of the county—Coal and Clark—were organized under the auspices of the state association at a meeting of women Friday afternoon in the Red Cross room of the Masonic temple. Miss Ramsey being the chairman and chief speaker. Mrs. Olandus West was elected chairman; Mrs. John L. Ruhl, first vice chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Snider, second vice chairman; Miss Virginia Snider, secretary; Miss Ray Cuppett, treasurer; Mrs. Lucius Hoge, Jr., chairman of the propaganda committee; Miss Margaret Robinson, chairman of the publicity committee; Miss Mabel Carr, chairman of the enrollment committee; and Mrs. Ray Cuppett, chairman of the finance committee.

A county chairman is to be elected at a meeting to be held in the near future of representatives of all the magisterial district organizations.

## Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT

Is Launched at a Meeting of Young Men in Broad Oaks Church.

For the purpose of starting a movement leading to the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association for the Clarksburg district, a young men's club was organized at a meeting of young men of Clarksburg, Broad Oaks and other suburbs Friday night at Ash chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, at Broad Oaks.

The meeting was addressed by C. B. Arnsperger, and temporary officers were elected as follows:

C. B. Arnsperger, acting chairman and treasurer.

A. R. Wolfe, chairman.

Russell Roach, secretary.

The next meeting of the club will be held at 7:30 p. m. March 14 at Ash chapel for the purpose of taking in new members, selecting a name and forming plans for a new club house.

All young men between the ages of 16 and 30 are cordially invited to attend.

NO LISTING OF  
DANCING ASSIN  
IN DISCIPLINE

But the Christian Advocate Declares Bishop and Professors Do Not Favor Dancing.

The Christian Advocate contains the following regarding a recent report sent out from Chicago:

We saw in the daily press of last Saturday a news item which purported to come from Chicago and which represented "Prof. Fitzgerald S. Parker," "Bishop Collins D. Denny, of Nashville," and Prof. Wilbur F. Tillot, of Vanderbilt University, as "championing" so "worldly a thing as dancing." It is true that this charge was modified in a succeeding paragraph to that of a simple objection on the part of the church, South, to the "listing of specified sins" in its discipline. But the main object of the writer of the news item was accomplished, since the public fastened and feasted on the former charge.

We happened to attend that conference and to hear those speakers. All that they did was to uphold the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in its time-honored policy of not cataloguing the specified sins to which human nature is subject and which are emphatically condemned by the church.

We hardly think that our readers were startled by the disparage in question. It was the same in effect which was circulated in many newspapers during the last general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, when an effort was made to abolish the specific mention, without removing the condemnation, of worldly amusements. That the newspaper man who fathered the false report of last Saturday lost sight of the fact that he was simply serving out an old "chestnut" when he thought that he was serving up something new and spicy would indicate that he was suffering not so much from a bad heart as a soft head. Chicago should not feel proud of such news service.

## HAMILTON COMING.

It is announced that the Rev. Dr. John Hamilton, of Cleveland, O., the evangelist who conducted revival meetings in the tabernacle here last spring, will preach in the First Methodist Episcopal church twice Sunday, March 12. In the afternoon Dr. Hamilton will hold a meeting for men only, while the evening meeting will be open to all.

Lloyd D. Griffin, of this city, has formally entered the race for the Republican nomination for the office of sheriff of Harrison county, his announcement appearing among the political advertisements in this issue of the Telegram.

Mr. Griffin is well and favorably known in business circles in Clarksburg and throughout the county. For the last eleven years he has been connected in various responsible positions with the West Virginia Bank, the second oldest financial institution of the county. He entered the employ of the bank March 8, 1915, as assistant bookkeeper, at the foot of the clerical force, and he has been promoted at various times until he now occupies the position of assistant cashier, a place of no little responsibility.

While Mr. Griffin has never taken an over zealous part in politics, he has since his earliest manhood been actively interested in the affairs of local, state and national government. He has been an active supporter of the Republican party without permitting his honest political preferences to lead him into bitter partisanship. His name has been mentioned frequently with reference to the race for sheriff the last several weeks, and he has taken the opportunity thus afforded him to discuss his chances of success with a number of party men in all sections of the county. The fact that he now enters the primary race indicates that he has met with considerable encouragement from the party voters. He has numerous enthusiastic supporters, who will be delighted at the announcement of his candidacy, insuring, as they do, that Mr. Griffin's training in responsible positions, his high record as an efficient business man and clean private citizen, together with the fact that he has never aspired to office and comes of a family of pioneer Republicans who never held office, make him an ideal candidate.

Mr. Griffin was born near the village of Brown, in Sardis district, of this county, thirty-eight years ago. He is a son of Benjamin C. Griffin, one of the stalwart sons of the pioneer Griffin family that helped blaze the path of progress in the West Fork valley. Returning from the war, however, the ex-soldier was spared but a few years, and when the son, Lloyd, was but an infant in arms, the father died. The soldier's widow was left with eight children, the oldest of whom was scarcely more than twelve years of age. The family lived on a small farm which was by no means free of debt. Then ensued for the Griffin family a period of bitter adversity, but the mother, who was a Switzer, came from stock that produces stalwart men, and she kept the family together until the growing boys could take a hand in the bread-winning.

From his earliest youth, then, Lloyd Griffin has been a toiler, and while laboring in the fields and at the hardest manual tasks to help the family, he did not neglect his education. At the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired the foundations of an education and was early fitted for teaching. He taught in Sardis and Eagle district schools for eight years, completing his work in that line with a successful summer normal of the period, which enabled a number of worthy young men and women to prepare themselves for the teaching profession. Leaving the farm and the district school, Mr. Griffin attended the Mountain State Business College at Parkersburg, where he completed the commercial course. He then located in Clarksburg and entered the employ of the West Virginia Bank.

He is married and is the father of one son. Both he and Mrs. Griffin are members of the Baptist church of this city. They reside on Locust street.

Speaking of his candidacy, Mr. Griffin says that he expects to make a vigorous campaign for the nomination, but with perfect fairness to those who may contest with him for the honor. He hopes to meet personally as many voters as possible, and recognizes the right of every voter to inquire into the public attitude, the private habits and the political availability of those who seek their suffrage.

## SALVATION ARMY

Is Not Connected in Any Way with the Gospel Army of This City.

The Salvation Army is not connected in any way whatever with the Gospel Army in its work. Lieutenant E. A. Daugherty and wife, in charge of the local branch of the Gospel Army, have issued the following to the citizens of Clarksburg and vicinity:

The Gospel Army corps wishes to inform the people in general that the body of people by the name of Salvation Army has no connection whatever with the Gospel Army and the corps will appreciate the people's investigating in the future so as not to be deceived.